
SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT HELP
LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MEET FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY AND
FOOD SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, food safety and food security are immediate and
2 pressing concerns for many Hawaii consumers, producers, farmers,
3 and retailers; and
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5 WHEREAS, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, P.L. 111-
6 353, which requires full compliance with food safety and food
7 security standards by 2013, has created a problem for local
8 agricultural producers and value-added producers; and
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10 WHEREAS, food safety is critical for Hawaii's survival and
11 security; the burden of importing food is increasing; and there
12 is a need for the State to be self-sustainable; and
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14 WHEREAS, full compliance with the Food Safety Modernization
15 Act's requirements will allow local agricultural producers and
16 value-added producers to access international and domestic
17 markets, thereby strengthening the agribusiness industry, and
18 help protect children and persons with compromised immune
19 systems from food borne illnesses; and
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21 WHEREAS, complying with federal food safety standards is
22 critical to agribusiness in Hawaii; and
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24 WHEREAS, state and federal agencies; produce farmers; and
25 the retail business community, including many non-governmental
26 organizations that deliver pivotal services to the people of
27 Hawaii by providing meals, are concerned and confused about the
28 future of agriculture in Hawaii; and
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30 WHEREAS, non-governmental organizations such as the East
31 Hawaii Community Development Corporation, 4 Ag Hawaii, Kohala
32 Center, Malama Kauai, Ulupono Initiative, and the Sustainable
33 Living Institute of Maui, are assisting local agricultural
34 producers in complying with federal food safety standards by
35 providing critical food safety solutions such as modern food-



1 safety certified facilities for use by local agricultural
2 producers; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the United States face an
5 economic downturn that has created challenges to providing
6 adequate funding for programs addressing food safety and food
7 security; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
11 that this body supports efforts by non-governmental
12 organizations to develop opportunities and solutions with local
13 agricultural producers and value-added food processors to
14 enhance food safety and food security practices; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of Business, Economic
19 Development, and Tourism; Director of Human Services;
20 Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council; Chairperson of the
21 Maui County Council; Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council;
22 and Chairperson of the Kauai County Council.
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